

The Fresh One

SENATOR

President tried to run with it, and the ball and the game disintegrated. Anyway, senior bloc's a stealth bomb!

LOBBYIST

The game is on again. We're sending you talking points. System failing, returns too small, privatize or face ruin. You know the mantra.

SENATOR

By heart.

LOBBYIST

We won't be ungrateful.

SENATOR

I need an amount.

LOBBYIST

I'll punch it up on my little calculator, which, unlike us, has no memory.

SENATOR

Uh huh. But you left a zero off.

LOBBYIST

So I did. Voila! the corrected amount. Onboard?

SENATOR

Forever!...on this one.

LOBBYIST

More champagne?

SENATOR

Order up a fresh one.

